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SUBJECT: RICE

REF: BANGKOK 11910

1. UNCLASSIFIED. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL EMBASSY OBTAINED TRANSLATION OF OFFICIAL RTG NOTIFICATION ON REPORTING STOCKS OF RICE. THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION IS JULY 27 AND THE PERIOD GRANTED FOR REPORTING RICE STOCKS WAS FIVE DAYS FROM THE DATE, OR UNTIL AUGUST 1. SUBSEQUENT REPORTS MUST BE FILED ON THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

2. REFTEL ALSO REPORTED LIFTING OF EXPORT BAN ON PARBOILED AND BROKEN RICE. PARBOILED IS RICE SOAKED IN WATER AND THEN DRIED. IT REQUIRES LESS WATER FOR COOKING AND ALSO COOKS MORE QUICKLY THAN ORDINARY RICE, BY VIRTUE OF WHICH IT IS POPULAR IN DRY, RICE EATING COUNTRIES, MAINLY MID-EAST AND PARTS OF AFRICA. PARBOILED RICE NOT GENERALLY EATEN IN THAILAND. APPARENTLY HAS A STRONG ODOR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER

THAT HIS MINISTRY ESTIMATE THERE ARE ABOUT 100,000 TONS OF BROKEN RICE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THAILAND, OF WHICH 60,000 TONS OF GRADE A AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. HOWEVER, THIS AMOUNT CONSTITUTES A FORM OF RESERVE AND CONSEQUENTLY WILL BE RELEASED FOR EXPORT BY STAGES UNTIL SECOND RICE CROP HARVESTED IN NOVEMBER. REMAINING 40,000 TONS WILL BE RETAINED IN THAILAND TO BE USED FOR NOODLES FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

4. GLUTINOUS RICE OF TYPE PURCHASED BY USAID LAOS IN BANGKOK NOT INCLUDED IN TWO TYPES ON WHICH EXPORT BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED. SUCH RICE ONLY OBTAINABLE THROUGH TRADITIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT PURCHASES. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT CABINET DID NOT ACT AT REGULAR TUESDAY MEETING JULY 31 ON USAID LAOS REQUEST, (THAT EMBASSY SUPPORTED VIA DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE) FOR 13,000 TONS GLUTINOUS RICE. WIL WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF THIS RICE EXPORT ITEM ON AGENDA FOR NEXT CABINET MEETING AUGUST 7.  
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